



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

WHEREAS, childhood obesity has become a significant public health problem that some consider an epidemic; and

WHEREAS, today one in three children are obese, and the rate of childhood obesity has tripled in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, obesity can lead to multiple health risks including, but not limited to, high blood pressure and cholesterol, problems breathing, higher risk of diabetes and glucose problems; and

WHEREAS, the physiological tolls on children are also detrimental and can continue into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, as a state, we need to strive to raise awareness in order to reduce childhood obesity, by promoting healthy eating habits as well as physical activity to have safer children, that grow up with better lifestyle habits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February, 2012 as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 8th day of December, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State